Williams, ——

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[From Henry Chapman, Jr.]

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Dear Friend Williams:

I was sorry to be prevented from seeing thee before sailing but as thee no doubt knows I have been ill for the past two weeks. Feel quite myself to day. I thought as you were one of the Brotherhood of B's I would write and tell thee what a funny thing happened to-day - a young lady about 20 years, about 5 ft 4 or 5 pale brunette with pleasing sparkling eyes called to tell me some coins and it happed about that she sails on the same steamer thee does - but alas she is married to an Englishman, but she said she hoped she would meet thee and if she did she would enjoy it - so if thee

sees such a person and opportunity offers don't be afraid to speak first. She was awfully jolly and if her friend is also going it might help pass away the dreary time. He is a Philadelphian she said and met this Englishman in Florida & married him. I never thought of asking her name and cannot give you a clue even to it.

She is a bright bonny dresser & will probably appear quite stunning so don't look for a plain Friends bonnet.

I wrote Spink to send around to Beck's for the box so they can leave it there if they don't wish to call at Spink's personally - it might interest them if they did; just around the corner from Beck's.

Now my dear fellow take good care of yourself and we one wishes thee a happier time than & Bon Voyage than

Henry Chapman Jr